IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An object-oriented method of collecting information regarding a plurality of target applications in an application unit, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving from a first one of the plurality of target applications through an interface, by a monitoring device in the application unit, a request to send first information regarding monitored usage of the first one of the plurality of target applications to a first predetermined destination through a first communication protocol using a first data format; and

sending, by a protocol processor in the application unit, the first information to the first predetermined destination through the first communication protocol, wherein the protocol processor is configured to send data through a plurality of different communication protocols.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein

the first data format includes one of text format, binary format, comma separated format and eXtensible Markup Language (XML) format, and

the first communication protocol includes one of Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and local disk.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving from a second one of the plurality of target applications through the interface, by the monitoring device, a request to send second information regarding monitored usage of the second one of the plurality of target applications to a second predetermined destination through a second communication protocol using a second data format, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol; and

sending, by the protocol processor, the second information to the second predetermined destination through the second communication protocol.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the first data format is different from the second data format.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of sending, by the protocol processor, the first information further comprises:

creating a first software class having a declared virtual function;

creating a second software class derived from the first software class having a first definition of the declared virtual function; and

executing the first definition.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the step of executing the first definition includes one of

saving the first information to a local disk,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using a text mail body format,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME),

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a text file format, and

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a binary file format.

8. (Currently Amended) An object-oriented system for collecting information regarding a plurality of target applications in an application unit, the system comprising:

a monitoring device in the application unit, the monitoring device configured to receive from a first one of the plurality of target applications through an interface, a request to send first information regarding monitored usage of the first one of the plurality of target applications to a first predetermined destination through a first communication protocol using a first data format; and

a protocol processor in the application unit, the protocol processor configured to send data through a plurality of different communication protocols, wherein the protocol processor is configured to send the first information to the first predetermined destination through the first communication protocol.

9. (Original) The system according to Claim 8, wherein

the first data format includes one of text format, binary format, comma separated format and XML format, and

the first communication protocol includes one of SMTP, FTP and local disk.

10. (Original) The system according to Claim 8, wherein

the monitoring device is configured to receive from a second one of the plurality of target applications through the interface, a request to send second information regarding monitored usage of the second one of the plurality of target applications to a second predetermined destination through a second communication protocol using a second data

format, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol, and

the protocol processor is configured to send the second information to the second predetermined destination through the second communication protocol.

11. (Original) The system according to Claim 10, wherein the first data format is different from the second data format.

12. (Original) The system according to Claim 10, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol.

13. (Original) The system according to Claim 8, wherein the protocol processor is configured to create a first software class having a declared virtual function, to create a second software class derived from the first software class having a first definition of the declared virtual function, and to execute the first definition.

14. (Original) The system according to Claim 13, wherein the first definition includes instructions to perform one of the steps of

saving the first information to a local disk,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using a text mail body format,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using MIME,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a text file format, and

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a binary file format.

15. (Currently Amended) A program product for collecting information regarding a plurality of target applications in an application unit, the program product comprising a computer readable medium embodying program instructions for causing an object-oriented system to perform the steps of:

receiving from a first one of the plurality of target applications through an interface, by a monitoring device in the application unit, a request to send first information regarding monitored usage of the first one of the plurality of target applications to a first predetermined destination through a first communication protocol using a first data format; and

sending, by a protocol processor in the application unit, the first information to the first predetermined destination through the first communication protocol, wherein the protocol processor is configured to send data through a plurality of different communication protocols.

16. (Original) The program product according to Claim 15, wherein

the first data format includes one of text format, binary format, comma separated format and XML format, and

the first communication protocol includes one of SMTP, FTP and local disk.

17. (Original) The program product according to Claim 15, wherein the program instructions cause the system to further perform the steps of:

receiving from a second one of the plurality of target applications through the interface, by the monitoring device, a request to send second information regarding

monitored usage of the second one of the plurality of target applications to a second predetermined destination through a second communication protocol using a second data format, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol; and

sending, by the protocol processor, the second information to the second predetermined destination through the second communication protocol.

18. (Original) The program product according to Claim 17, wherein the first data format is different from the second data format.

19. (Original) The program product according to Claim 17, wherein the first communication protocol is different from the second communication protocol.

20. (Original) The program product according to Claim 15, wherein the step of sending, by the protocol processor, the first information further comprises:

creating a first software class having a declared virtual function;

creating a second software class derived from the first software class having a first definition of the declared virtual function; and

executing the first definition.

21. (Original) The program product according to Claim 20, wherein the step of executing the first definition includes one of

saving the first information to a local disk,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using a text mail body format,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through SMTP using MIME,

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a text file format, and

sending the first information to the first predetermined destination through FTP using a binary file format.